

BWBC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 15, 2011

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Contois Auditorium, City Hall (because there was a schedule conflict with Room 12)

Note: we had an issue with locked doors. They didn't know we would be there. Snacks were delivered, but no pizza

- I. Introductions, brief BWBC overview, find a minute-taker, review agenda
 - a. In attendance: Christina E, Bryan D, Phil H., Mary T, Jenette Russ, David Casey, Stu Lindsey, Steve N., Robert Nahler, David, Wayne Senville, Barbara Mines, Will Flender, Jason VD, Trav

- II. Bike Path Task Force Update – Will Flender
 - a. The task force has completed its work; what's the outlook?
 - i. Public Forum last winter
 - ii. Local Motion survey – many comments received
 - iii. RSG was hired to do a feasibility study and review older reports
 - iv. This coming Monday (12/19) task force will give findings of report to City Council
 1. 16 sections of bike path; improvement recommendations for each; range widely in cost
 2. Task force is prioritizing A → D rating based on 5 factors such as maintaining efficiency, safety and economic vitality. Focus on rehabilitation, functionality, enhancements, etc.
 - v. Forum for public in January/February
 - vi. Search for funding sources

- III. Champlain Parkway Discussion - Jason Van Driesche, Local Motion
 - a. Learn about walking and biking in the plans – most recent developments:
 - i. 2010 – Local Motion (LM) held a citizen's commission on the Parkway. What should it look like for all needs?
 - ii. City's Act 250 process. LM did an in depth critique – if built, how could be made safe, efficient, and accessible?
 - iii. LM members are split pro/con Parkway – LM is not taking an official stance
 - iv. LM has "friend of the commission" status (rather than Party Status)
 - v. Act 250 hearings – commented on criteria, conforming with City Transportation Plan; LM sent in-depth memos that go point by point looking at safety & efficiency for peds and bikes; City had to respond to memos.
 1. LM's response: conditions of permit: 1) ped friendly crossings – more than stripes & signs (see Dealer.com volunteer's video about crossing Pine Street)
 2. Continuous and separate bike facilities along the corridor
 3. Now waiting to hear back
 - vi. If Act 250 is approved but project doesn't go forward, City would eat expenses occurred to date
 - vii. Many design changes can happen under current permit
 - viii. Act 250 decision will likely happen before March
 - ix. download Local Motion's comments on the project by visiting the BWBC documents page: <http://burlingtonwalkbike.org/node/21>

- b. What will be the BWBC position on the Parkway? Jason/LM encourages BWBC to remain neutral on whether to build Parkway or not. Could do more harm than good in terms of City/DPW relationships. Significant role for citizen speaking on their own behalf
 - i. Should BWBC write a letter of support for LM's ideas? Brief the City Council?
 - ii. Develop a strategy with LM on how to approach City Council, DPW, etc. Latest LM memo (Nov. 2011) should be sent to City Council
 - iii. Invite Steve Goodkind to a BWBC meeting to hear DPW's perspective on project

IV. Jane's Walk, an event for 2012 - weekend of May 5/6

- a. Jane's Walks are free neighborhood walks that put people in touch with their environment and with each other. The walks honor the legacy and ideas of urban activist and writer Jane Jacobs who championed the interests of local residents and pedestrians over a car-centered approach to planning. To learn more about the event visit <http://www.janeswalkusa.org/>.
- b. Who on the BWBC wants to work with community partners on this event? Wayne, David, Barbara
- c. Christina will investigate possible collaboration with Sustainability Academy and their Healthy Neighborhood project
- d. If you would like to be involved in the planning please send a note to Wayne at wsenville@gmail.com.
- e. NOTE: Green Up Day is Saturday, May 5th

V. Seeking 2012 BWBC Steering Committee members

- a. Let Bryan know if you are interested: Wayne is interested (can only meet on Tuesday nights), David is interested.

VI. Updates

- a. Pedestrian Crossing Issue at Battery/Park/Monroe Street
 - i. E-update from Nicole: We have a draft plan for relocating some of the crosswalks and enhancing others. We can't do much during the winter months, but we'll be finishing the designs and plan for spring. Once we have the designs actually drafted, we can share them with the interested groups.
- b. Ordinance for Secure Bike Parking
 - i. Stu gave Will a sample from San Fran – Will will review to possibly adapt for BTU.
 - ii. Must be advertised
 - iii. Marathon is interested in parking this year
 - iv. Waiting to hear from Discover Jazz Fest

VII. New Business

- a. Invite UVM Professor Stephanie Kaza to a future meeting to share her sabbatical findings on the bike culture/infrastructure of Portland, OR
- b. 2012 Bike/Walk Summit (hosted by CCRPC and Local Motion) – March 17th at Main St. Landing. Mia Birk of Alta Planning will be the keynote. More related events on March 16th.
- c. Mayoral Candidate Forum on Transportation, January 12
6:30pm to 8pm, U-U Church, 152 Pearl Street, Burlington, VT
Hear the Burlington mayoral candidates talk about the future of transportation and mobility in Burlington. Dessert reception to follow.
RSVP on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/230835246987344/>
WHAT'S YOUR STORY? What's working? What's not? Submit your experiences and questions for the candidates at www.localmotion.org
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home!

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Next meeting: Thursday, January 26th, 5:30-7pm. Room 12, City Hall

Minutes by Christina Erickson